

Amended Paragraphs:

Please amend the second and third paragraphs on page 1 to read as follows:

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“Japanese Patent Application No. 7-311997 (corresponding to JP Laid-open H8-229481) discloses a coating apparatus for intermittently coating a paint to a base material which is running continuously. This apparatus adopts such a method that winds a base material in a field of batteries around a back roll and disposes a nozzle at a location opposed to the base material, and repeats feeding of the paint to the nozzle and stop of the feeding, thereby forming portions not coated with the paint, that is, lead welding portions on the base material.

However, when a paste for batteries is intermittently coated as a paint to a collector material by the coating apparatus disclosed by Japanese Patent Application No. 7-311997, an active substance layer is coated approximately 20 mm from the coating start terminal of the active substance layer in a running direction of the collector material as shown in FIG. 7, whereby the active substance layer of a thickly coated portion may be peeled off and drop down at a subsequent rolling step. It is considered that this defect is caused by the fact that because a feeding path and a return path are momentarily set to simultaneously opened status at the time of switching the feeding path and the return path at the intermittent time by moving a head used as intermittent means, thereby the paint excessively flows from the return side into the feeding said, or the nozzle. Accordingly, the layer is coated thicker for an amount of the paint which excessively flows into the nozzle at a coating start time.”